

SENATE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

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March 3, 2003

The Honorable George W. Bush, Jr.
President of the United State of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As Members of the California State Legislature, we write to convey our support as you work to address the conjoined national security threats posed by Iraq and the radical Islamist terrorist networks spreading around the planet.

As elected representatives of the nation's largest sovereign state, we stand in general agreement with the fundamental process, integrity and patience with which you have pursued peace and safety for the American people. We recognize and/or agree with the following:

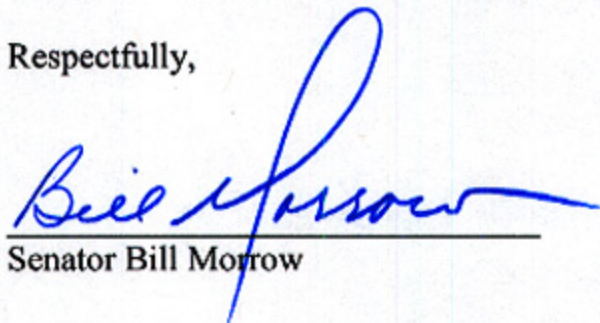
- ◆ Your assertion that Saddam Hussein has both strategic and personal reasons to strike with violence at American citizens and assets abroad and within the United States.
- ◆ Your administration's charges, well articulated by Secretary of State Powell in his presentations to the Security Council of the United Nations, that Saddam Hussein continues to possess weapons of mass destruction, possibly nuclear and most probably biological and chemical weapons, and that the Iraqi dictator is deliberately secreting these weapons from the inspector teams representing the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency.
- ◆ Expert military opinion that some weapons of mass destruction, particularly biological and chemical weapons, are particularly suitable for being transported and employed around the world through the asymmetric, unconventional warfare techniques mastered by terrorists and terror networks.

- ◆ The logical conclusion that 12 years of weak U.N. policies, including economic sanctions, have failed to enforce the U.N.'s own Iraqi disarmament resolutions, thereby demonstrating the inadequacy of those weak policies.
- ◆ Your contention that radical Islamist terrorist organizations, which do not reflect the prevailing political or religious sentiments of the mainstream Islamic world, struck at our nation on 9-11 and intend to do so again with greater lethality.
- ◆ Intelligence-supported claims that some of these Islamist terror networks seek to acquire weapons of mass destruction.
- ◆ The growing intelligence holdings that justify the concerns that Saddam's Iraqi regime has operational and support relationships with these radical terrorists who share the regime's desire to strike at their common enemy, the United States.
- ◆ Your assessment that while military action against Iraq presents profound risks, the failure to ensure that Iraq is stripped of its weapons of mass destruction increases the danger from a much greater threat – that the Iraqi weapons of mass destruction may be communicated to the terror groups and subsequently employed against the United States and its allies.
- ◆ Your leadership strategy that relies first on the United Nations, but, if necessary, on the "coalition of the willing" that you have assembled, which includes a large majority of the committed nations of Europe, along with other nation-states around the world.
- ◆ Your patience in dealing with this imminent threat, particularly when realizing that undue delays allow Iraq to strengthen its military defenses and allow allied terror organizations to further plan and marshal their resources in support of their goal of mass-murdering U.S. citizens and weakening global American support of democracy, peace, and western civilization.
- ◆ Your statement that -- while the United States should always seek to address its national concerns within the context, processes and agencies established by the international community of nations – we must never allow the ultimate fate of the freedoms, rights and security of the American people to rest in the hands of anyone other than the American people themselves and their duly elected, constitutionally endowed government.

To conclude, we the undersigned urge you to continue taking all responsible measures to protect the security and interests of the United States, its citizens and allies – while continuing to develop the array of appropriate responses to the security threats, to protect the lives and rights of U.S. citizens, and to value the lives and welfare of innocent peoples throughout the world.

Furthermore, we ask that you, as Commander-in-Chief, communicate to our military service members around the world, our wholehearted support for success in the mission and our wishes for their personal safety and swift return home. Please communicate to them, too, our profound gratitude for their courage and selfless devotion to duty on our behalf.

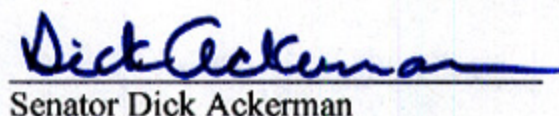
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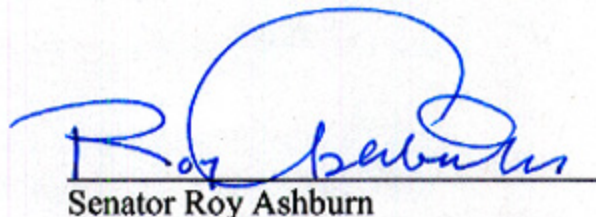
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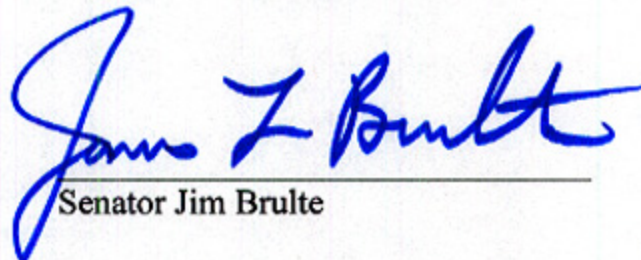
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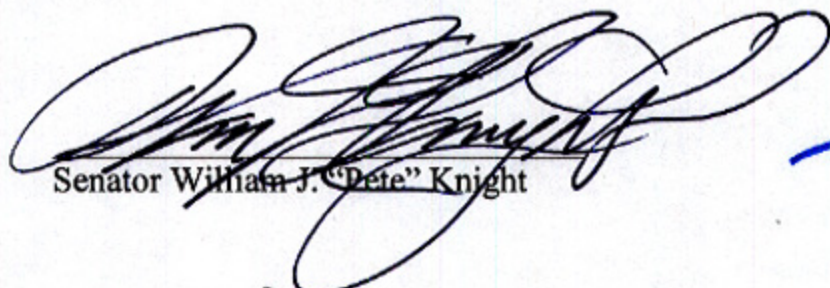
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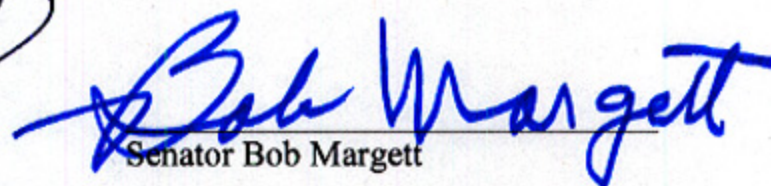
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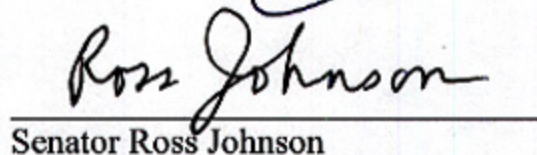
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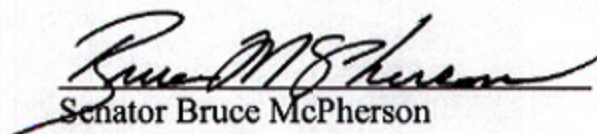
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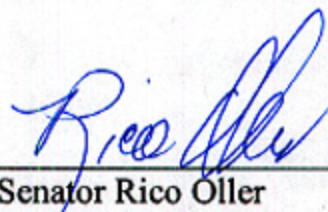
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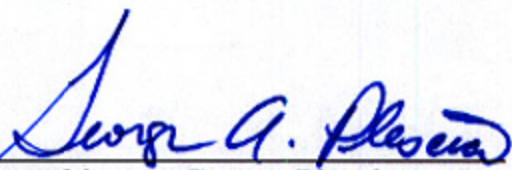
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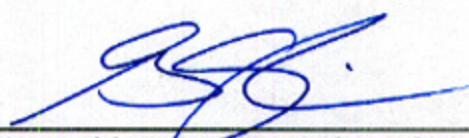
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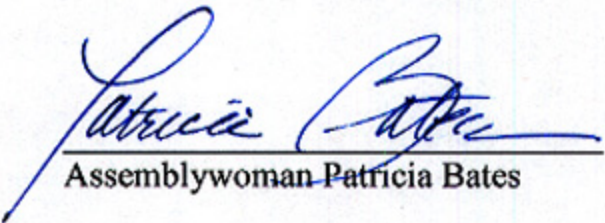
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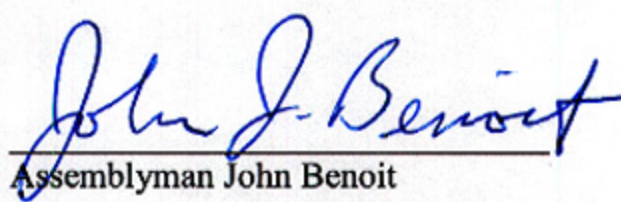
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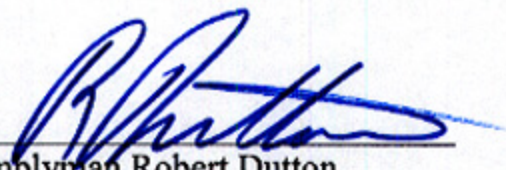
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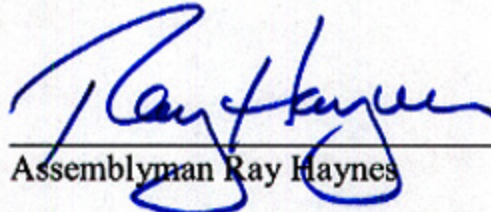
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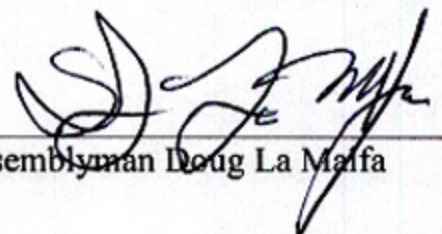
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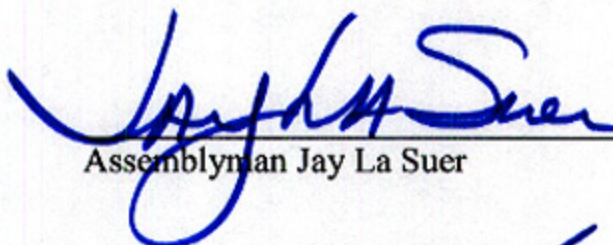
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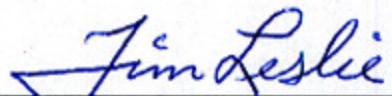
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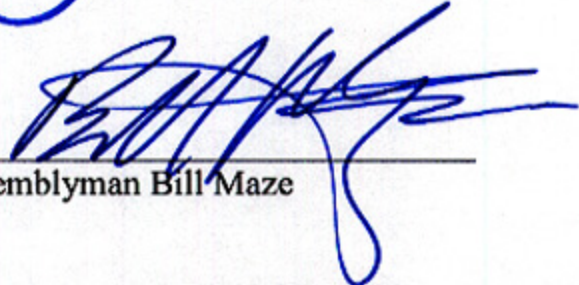
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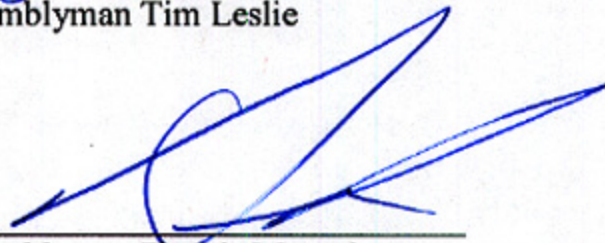
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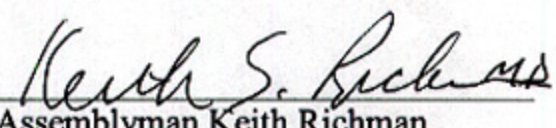
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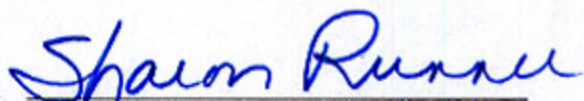
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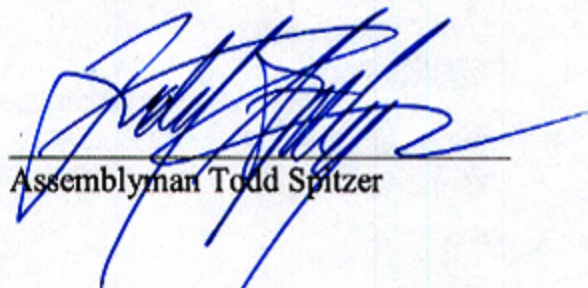


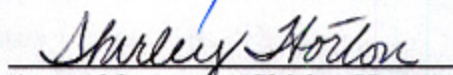
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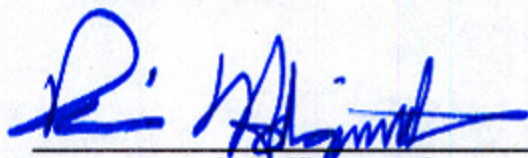
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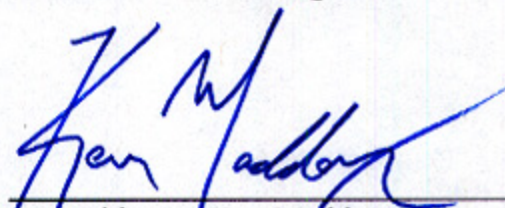

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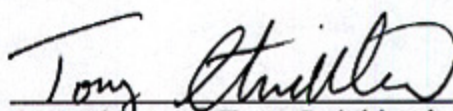

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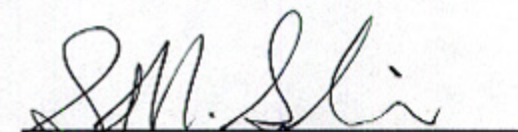

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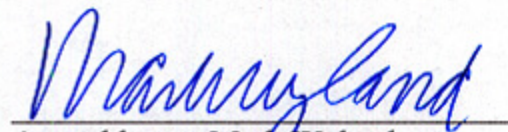

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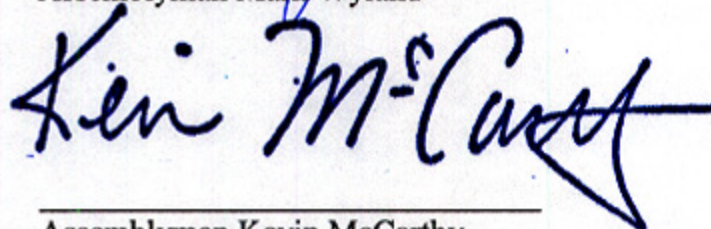

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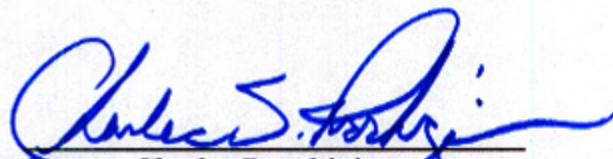

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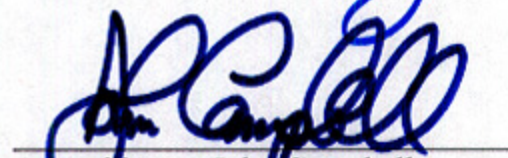

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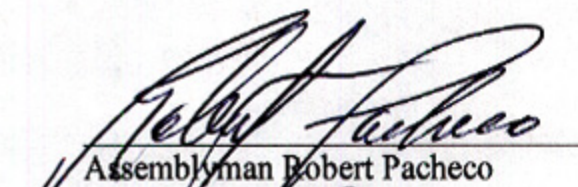

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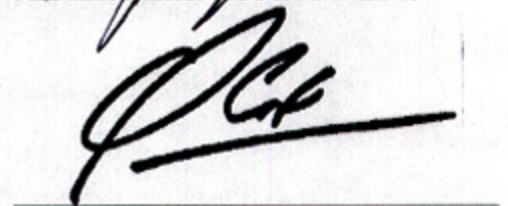

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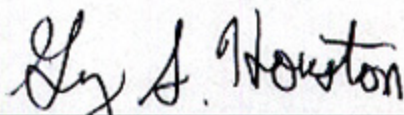

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